



Garmin Hamble Winter Series 2010 Notice of Race



1 Organising Authority

- 1.1 The Hamble Winter Series is organised by the Hamble River Sailing Club
- 1.2 All correspondence regarding the series to be sent to:
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Event Website: <http://www.garminhamblewinterseries.co.uk>

2 Racing Classes

- 2.1 Classes: It is intended to organise racing for the following classes: IRC classes, J/109, Sigma 38, Laser SB3, J/80 and Sportsboat (SBR) classes. Classes may be combined for starting purposes. For race starts the fleet will be split into Black and White Fleets. The Fleets will be defined in the Sailing Instructions. A minimum entry of eight boats is required for a class start. Other classes may apply for a class start.
- 2.2 For IRC Class 0-4, J/109 and Sigma 38 (Black Fleet) classes, the series is planned to consist of a maximum of twelve (12) qualifying races – a maximum of two races per day in the first half of the Series, and one per day in the second half of the series
- 2.3 For Laser SB3, J/80 and SBR (White Fleet) classes the series is planned to consist of a maximum of twenty-four (24) qualifying races – a maximum of 3 races per day.

3 Location of Racing

- 3.1 Each race will start from a Committee Boat and will be sailed around buoys in the central Solent.

4 Race Programme

4.1 Racing is planned to take place on the following dates:

Main Series Race Day	Date	Other Associated Events
	Sat 9 th October	Big Boat Series – Day 1
1	Sun 10 th October	Big Boat Series – Day 2
	Sat 16 th October	Autumn Championships – Day 1
2	Sun 17 th October	Autumn Championships – Day 2
	Sat 23 rd October	Big Boat Series – Day 3
3	Sun 24 th October	Big Boat Series – Day 4
4	Sun 31 st October	
	Sun 7 th November	Mid Series Break
5	Sun 14 th November	
6	Sun 21 st November	
7	Sun 28 th November	
8	Sun 5 th December	

4.2 The first start is scheduled for 10:00 hours (Warning Signal 09:55) on each Race Day.

4.3 No warning signal for the first start of a sequence of starts will be made after 13:30 on any Race Day.

5 Conditions of Entry

- 5.1 A boat is entirely responsible for its own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- 5.2 It is for the boat to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions in which it finds itself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that it is fit for those conditions and its crew is competent to sail and compete in races.
- 5.3 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2,000,000 (as recommended by the RYA).
- 5.4 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officers and race support boats.
- 5.5 The provision of race support boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

6 Rules

- 6.1 General
 - 6.1.1 The Series will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
 - 6.1.2 This Notice of Race can be amended by a notice on the official notice board at the Hamble River Sailing Club and such notice will also be posted on the event website.
- 6.2 One Design Classes - Boats racing in One Design Classes shall:
 - 6.2.1 Comply with their Class Rules
 - 6.2.2 Comply with the class crew limit if any
 - 6.2.3 Hold a valid class certificate
 - 6.2.4 The owner shall be a paid-up member of the class association.

- 6.3 IRC Classes - Boats racing in IRC Classes shall:
- 6.3.1 Have a minimum TCC of 0.860.
 - 6.3.2 Comply with IRC Rules Parts 1, 2 and 3.
 - 6.3.3 Hold a valid IRC certificate
 - 6.3.4 Not exceed a maximum of two (2) more than the boats certified crew number (see IRC Certificate)
 - 6.3.5 Boats deemed by the Organising Committee to be "Works Entries" will be required to hold an endorsed IRC certificate.
 - 6.3.6 Boats will race in a division dependent on her TCC. The Rating Bands for these divisions will be notified to each competitor by post in an amendment to the Sailing Instructions and will be displayed on the event website prior to the first race.
 - 6.3.7 Rating Changes - Boats will not change class as a result of a rating change during the series but will be rated for the series at the highest TCC of any valid certificate during the series.
 - 6.3.8 By application to the Organising Committee before 1200 hours on the day preceding the first race in which she competes a boat entered in IRC may elect to compete in the class above that for which she is eligible taking as her TCC the bottom TCC of that class.
 - 6.3.9 Boats rating below the minimum TCC may enter the series but shall comply with 6.3.8 (above).
 - 6.3.10 Entries from Boats rated with moveable ballast will only be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
- 6.4 SBR (Sportsboat) Class - Boats racing in the SBR Class shall:
- 6.4.1 Have a maximum LOA of 8.0 metres.
 - 6.4.2 Comply with the SBR Rules and hold a valid certificate.
 - 6.4.3 Boats will race in a single division.
 - 6.4.4 Rating Changes - Boats will be rated for the series at the highest TCS of any valid certificate during the series.
 - 6.4.5 In accordance with SBR Rule 9.0, at the discretion of the Organising Committee entries may be accepted from
 - (a) boats fitted with trapezes or sliding planks in accordance with SBR Rule 5.9.1
 - (b) boats with a minimum value of displacement/length ratio plus twice length overall of less than 60. ie: $DLR+2*LOA>60$.
 - (c) boats fitted with moveable ballast (e.g. canting keel) in accordance with SBR Rule 5.8.Boats in these categories must notify the Organising Committee before entering the event.
- 6.5 Safety
- 6.5.1 All boats competing in Black Fleet classes (See 2.2 above) shall comply with ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 4. Entries from boats unable to comply with this rule may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
 - 6.5.2 Boats competing in White Fleet classes (See 2.3 above) shall comply with the Hamble Winter Series 2010 Sportsboat Safety Addendum which is posted on the event website and is available from the Club Office. It will also be issued to White Fleet competitors with the Sailing Instructions.
- 6.6 VHF Radio

- 6.6.1 All boats shall carry an operational VHF marine radio telephone equipped with Channels 16, 6, 12, 67, 72, 77 and M1(37). VHF Channels to be used for communications in each fleet will be specified in the SI's.
- 6.7 Cushions - Boats may remove their bunk cushions. This changes some class rules.
- 6.8 Scoring
- 6.8.1 The Low Points scoring system of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply. The number of races completed shall constitute a series.
- 6.8.2 If twelve (12) races are scheduled:
- (a) When less than six (<6) races are completed, no score shall be excluded.
 - (b) When six or seven (6-7) races are completed, one score shall be excluded.
 - (c) When eight, nine or ten (8-10) races are completed, two scores shall be excluded.
 - (d) When eleven or twelve (11-12) races are completed, three scores shall be excluded.
- 6.8.3 If twenty-four (24) races are scheduled:
- (a) When less than six (<6) races are completed, no score shall be excluded.
 - (b) When six or seven (6-7) races are completed, one score shall be excluded.
 - (c) When nine to twelve (9-12) races are completed, two scores shall be excluded.
 - (d) When thirteen to sixteen (13-16) races are completed, three scores shall be excluded.
 - (e) When more than sixteen (>16) races are completed, four scores shall be excluded.

7 Entries and Fees

- 7.1 Entries will only be accepted on-line on the event website, or on an official entry form available from the event website.
- 7.2 Early entries for the complete series will close at 1200 hours on Monday 13th September 2010.
- 7.3 There is no closing date for complete series entries; however entry for individual race days will close at 1200 hours on the Monday preceding each individual race day.
- 7.4 Event entry fees are shown on the official entry form, downloadable from the event website.
- 7.5 Race day late entries, at an additional supplementary fee, will be accepted up to 1200 hours on the day preceding each race day.
- 7.6 Entries must be accompanied by the appropriate fee as set out on the official entry form, downloadable from the event website.
- 7.7 In lieu of the Charity Pursuit Race, a minimum of 5% of all Hamble Winter Series entries fees will be donated to the nominated charities which are Hamble Inshore Rescue, the John Merricks Trust, and Sail4Cancer.
- 7.8 Entries for individual race days, cancelled before 12:00 on the Monday preceding the scheduled race day will be refunded, less a £10 administration fee

8 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions, together with a list of current entries, will be posted to each boat entered no later than the Monday preceding the first race.

9 Results and Prizes

Provisional results of each race will be posted on the official series notice board at the Hamble River Sailing Club on completion of each day's racing. Results will be displayed on the event website.

10 Sponsor Identification

Competing yachts will be required to display Sponsor's branding. Details will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

11 Race Day Prizes

The individual class prizes will be awarded at the Hamble River Sailing Club after each Sunday's racing. Prizes will not be held over. They will be awarded to the highest placed boat in each class present at the clubhouse at prize giving time, normally at 1530 hours.

12 Bar and Catering

Facilities will be available at the Clubhouse from 1300 to 1700 hours each Race Day.

13 Prize-giving

The overall Hamble Winter Series prizes will be awarded at the prize giving reception on Saturday 11th December 2010 at 1830 hours at the HRSC clubhouse.

14 Crew Register

A crew register will be maintained on the event website for boats looking for crew and crews wanting to sail.